

- e. specification of any time limit within which compliance with the request is desired and the reasons therefore; and
 - f. any special requirements for confidentiality and the reasons therefore.
2. Requests for assistance shall also, in the appropriate case, contain the following:
- a. the identity, nationality and location of the person or persons who are the subject of the investigation or proceedings;
 - b. a statement as to whether sworn or affirmed evidence is required;
 - c. a description of the documents, records or articles of evidence to be produced as well as a description of the appropriate person to be asked to produce them and, to the extent not otherwise provided for, the form in which they should be produced and certified or authenticated;
 - d. a description of the place to be searched and the objects to be seized; and
 - e. information as to the allowances and expenses to which a person appearing in the requesting State will be entitled.
3. The requested State may request additional information considered necessary to fulfill the request.
4. All requests shall be accompanied by a translation into an official language of the requested State.

Article 6

Refusal or Postponement of Assistance

1. Assistance may be refused when in the opinion of the requested State:
- a. its authorities would be precluded by domestic law from carrying out the assistance requested, had the acts or omissions which are referred to in the request occurred in its own jurisdiction; or
 - b. the execution of the request would impair its sovereignty, security or similar essential public interests, prejudice the safety of any person or impose an excessive burden on its resources.
2. Assistance may also be refused for any reason provided by the law of the requested State.